



**Covenant Church  
Presbyterian Church in America  
Fayetteville, Arkansas**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY  
November 26, 2023  
10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

The annual Christmas women's gathering this year will be Monday, December 4th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Please bring a finger food to share and if you would like, something to add to our silent auction. Money raised will be donated to the Mission to North America ESL Curriculum Project. We will meet in the church sanctuary this year! There will be food, singing, a devotion and a wonderful time of fellowship. This is a great opportunity to invite or bring a friend to this festive event!

Please join us for our Holiday Fellowship meal on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**† Call to Worship**

**Malachi 1:11**

<sup>11</sup> For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

**† Invocation & Lord's Prayer**

**Unison**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**† Hymn of Praise**

**#100B (TH #1)**

**"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

## **Prayer of Confession of Sin**

**Thomas Cranmer, 1552**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Romans 5:1**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **† Hymn of Assurance**

**#181 (TH #98)**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

## **† Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, Q27 and 28

**Q. 27.** What dost thou mean by the providence of God?

**A.** The almighty and everywhere present power of God; whereby, as it were by His hand, He upholds and governs heaven, earth, and all creatures; so that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, and all things come, not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.

**Q. 28.** What advantage is it to us to know that God has created, and by His providence does still uphold all things?

**A.** That we may be patient in adversity; thankful in prosperity; and that in all things, which may hereafter befall us, we place our firm trust in our faithful God and Father, that nothing shall separate us from His love; since all creatures are so in His hand, that without His will they cannot so much as move.

Pastoral Prayer

**Scripture Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 11:1-6**

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. <sup>2</sup> Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth. <sup>3</sup> If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth, and if a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. <sup>4</sup> He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. <sup>5</sup> As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything. <sup>6</sup> In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“Cast Your Bread Upon the Water”**

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

**#571 (TH #735)**

**“Gloria Patri”**

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Closing Hymn**

**#281 (TH #310)**

**“Rejoice, The Lord is King”**

† Benediction

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

## **November 26, 2023**

### **10:30 a.m.**

**Ecclesiastes 11:1-6**  
**“Cast Your Bread Upon the Water”**

#### Introduction

1. You Reap What You Sow (v. 1-3)
2. No Risk, No Reward (v. 4)
3. God is the One Who Gives Prosperity (v. 5-6)

#### Conclusion

## 100B

## All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. <sup>1</sup>All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing  
 2. <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God in - deed; he  
 3. <sup>4</sup>O en - ter then his gates with joy, with -  
 4. <sup>5</sup>Be - cause the LORD our God is good, his

to the LORD cheer - ful voice. <sup>2</sup>Serve him with joy, his  
 formed us all with - out our aid. We are the flock he  
 in his courts his praise pro - claim! Let thank - ful songs your  
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure. His faith - ful - ness at

prais - es tell, come now be - fore him and re - joice!  
 sure - ly feeds, the sheep who by his hand were made.  
 tongues em - ploy. O bless and mag - ni - fy his name!  
 all times stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

## Now Thank We All Our God

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1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven—

who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

2nd cent; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (MEINEKE) Irreg.  
Charles Meineke, 1844

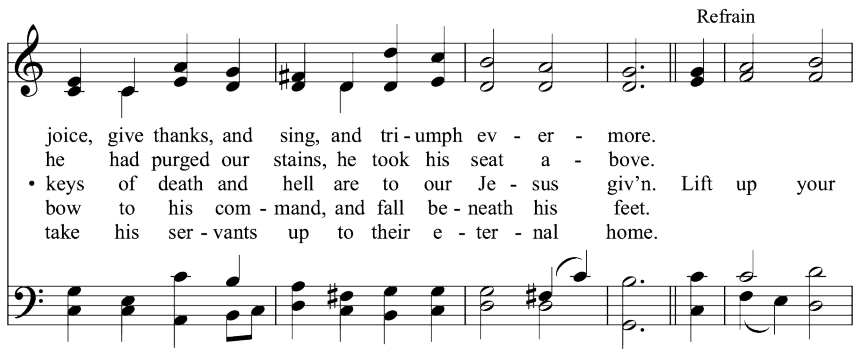
## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when  
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the  
 4. He sits at God's right hand 'til all his foes sub - mit, and  
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

Refrain



joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your  
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.  
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!